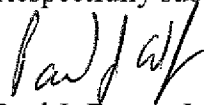


file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application and/or consideration of additional species under 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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